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How to Invest \$50-\$5,000 has been a trusted adviser to investors for twenty years. This ninth edition has been completely revised and updated to cover the full range of small investing--from selecting a bank to saving for college and retirement to making sense of financial pages. Step-by-step instructions guide even the most inexperienced investor through the maze of stocks, bonds, treasuries, mutual funds, and more, with new sections on how to recognize a swindle or scam; what to do when fired; ten sources of instant cash; and the top 25 online financial Web sites. These low-risk, high-value tips are perfect for every investor.

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Rosemary says

Really a book for a novice in investing.

Omar Mizdaq says

I didn't find this particularly useful for a non-financial minded reader. If it's aimed at the small investor then it needs to be aimed at finance/investing noobs, but if it is, it fails in this respect. The problem is in each chapter she introduces 5 to 10 new investing products/concepts, which is already overload. However she explains each one simply by using other financial terms which most readers won't get. All she needed to do was give hypothetical examples, i.e "Nancy invests, \$10k in this. Because of X, she gets Y, but then Z" but there is none of this. So not very beginner friendly. It's also ten years old now which makes it a bit dated. It's a pity because she knows what she's talking about. In one section she gives a list of 15 stocks she recommends for a beginner's portfolio. Just out of curiosity, I looked up each one and compared their 2007 price with now, and if you'd followed her advice, you'd have more than doubled your money by now. Overall though, a dull read. And it's not like finance books have to be so - Ramit Sethi's (yea he is a bit obnoxious but still) stuff is engaging and fun, for example.

Rachel Unklesbay says

The first few chapters were incredibly helpful, and then it got increasingly complex. I suppose the idea is that you'll read the first chapters (on investing smaller amounts of money), then move on to the next chapters after you're already practiced in those means of investing. I tried to read it straight through, and stopped understanding what was going on after a while.

If you understand finance jargon, you'll probably do better with it than I did. If you're a beginner, maybe you should find another book.

VoNique says

This book was very informative. Don't ever put your money into investments that will yield less than a 5% increase, especially if it's going to tie up your money. Through the website www.bankrate.com (which allows you to compare interest rates on Savings and Money Market accounts, and much more) we found a regular savings account that has a 5.25% APY!! (That's better than most money markets!) And our money isn't tied up like it would be with CDs.

Veronica says

Yeah that's right. I read a finance book. And It was very informative.

Kimberly says

Could be titled "Investments for Dummies." A good book for beginners.

Javi says

Nancy Dunnan's How to Invest \$50 - \$5000 is a publication that was written to help small investors, who don't have a formal financial background, select proper banking options and make logical investments in order to yield high profit. The book actually begins by talking about the end, retirement! In financial terms Dunnan explains why it is chiefly important to start an IRA or Keogh Plan at a young age. The rest of the book is divided into parts that explain how to best treat investments of \$50, \$500, \$1000, \$2500, and \$5000. She addresses choosing an investment vehicle to best suit the readers needs as well as weighing the pros and cons of each option.

I enjoyed this read because it offers a score of valuable saving and investing tips for small investors such as myself. A major reason I liked this book is because it gives beneficial investing suggestions that include safe stashing your first \$50, joining investment clubs, and purchasing stocks. One problem I had with the book is its age. It was written in 1987 and many of the investing methods mentioned are outdated and are of no benefit to the reader.

Despite its age, many of the investment vehicles explained by Dunnan are timeless and of great benefit for the average investing novice. If you are a young investor or simply want to learn more about investing your money, I would recommend this book to you.

Elvia says

A great reference guide to financial terminology. Not exhaustive but a good place to start.

Shari says

Great book to learn the basics about all types of investments.

Maksim says

Very informative read, good reference point.

Rebecca says

This book is good for people who want to invest VERY conservatively and have a lot of time to do so (ie, starting in their teens or 20s).

There are so many types of investments described that none are described in much detail.

Amina says

Very informative book for anyone interested in beginning to invest. Easy to understand and makes investments accessible, even for those who never thought they could have the money to. Previous editions are still useful, because some of the strategies discussed are timeless. Worth picking up the latest book to get a better, more up-to-date grasp of the economic climate.

Hiatt Zhao says

I good overview of all the opportunities to invest your money.

Alexander Broses says

Good for learning some of the basics. Was worth the read ?

Christopher says

Good beginner's learning guide on how to invest their money. I was a business minor in school so most of it was repetitive to me, but if you haven't had any formal education on investing, then please read. You will make a lot more wiser investing decisions.
